

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE**

IN RE: Sarah Siskin, R.N.

Petition No. 931105-10-069

**CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Sarah Siskin (hereinafter "respondent") of Rocky Hill, Connecticut has been issued license number R38929 to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. While employed as a registered nurse at Nurse Registry Home Health Care Center, she violated her professional boundaries by continuing to provide personal services and support to former patients, including holding personal property for these individuals.
2. The above described allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-99(b).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board"). Respondent does not admit to having violated any statute or regulation, including but not limited to §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut. Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sarah Siskin hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. That respondent's license number R38929 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby placed on probation for one year, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) She shall successfully complete coursework, pre-approved by the Department and the Board, which focuses on maintaining appropriate professional boundaries in a home care setting. She shall provide proof of successful completion of the coursework to the Board within thirty (30) days of conclusion of the coursework.
  - (b) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of her probation.

- (c) Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports directly to the Board and the Department from her nursing supervisor (i.e., Director of Nursing) every other month for the entirety of her probation. Employer reports shall include documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice nursing, and shall be issued to the Board and the Department at the address cited in paragraph 3G below.
- (d) Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- (e) Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department of any change in her home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- (f) All reports required in paragraphs 3A and 3C are due on the tenth business day of January, March, May, July, September and November commencing with the report due *November 1996*
- (g) All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Office of the Board of Examiners for Nursing  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12NUR  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- 4. That any violation of the terms of this Consent Order without prior written approval by the Board shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek revocation of the respondent's nursing license following notice and an opportunity to be heard.

5. That any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Board shall not be a waiver or preclude the Board's right to take action at a later time. The Board shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
6. That legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department.
7. That this Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
8. That respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
9. That the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which (1) her compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
10. That, in the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a registered nurse, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's

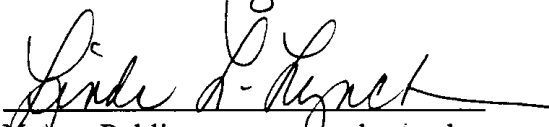
license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that her failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall be given due weight by the Board in determining whether her conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.

11. That, in the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of her license before the Board.
12. That this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
13. That respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
14. That respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Sarah Siskin, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Sarah Siskin, R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1996.

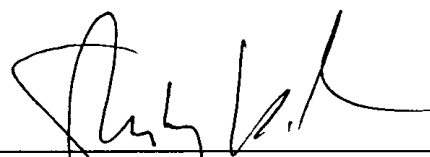
  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation

LINDA L. LYNCH  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2000

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1996,


it is hereby accepted.

  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut

Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1996, it

is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:   
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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JPL